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June 17, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST CLOSURE OF FUNDS FOR
COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1616 (FUND F33) AND
COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT-1,
PALMDALE ZONE (FUND EL5)
CITY OF PALMDALE
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SUBJECT

This action is to close the funds for County Lighting Maintenance District 1616 and County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1, Palmdale Zone, following the transfer of jurisdiction over County Lighting Maintenance District 1616 and the detachment of the Palmdale Zone from County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1 to the City of Palmdale effective July 1, 2014, as previously approved by the Board on August 27, 2013.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Authorize the Department of Public Works to transfer the assets of County Lighting Maintenance District 1616 and County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1, Palmdale Zone, to the City of Palmdale as follows:

- a. Transfer 90 percent of all funds available, estimated at \$9,831,000, for County Lighting Maintenance District 1616 and County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1, Palmdale Zone to the City of Palmdale within 30 days of July 1, 2014, the effective date of the transfer of jurisdiction.
 - b. Transfer the remaining 10 percent of all funds available, estimated at \$1,092,000, for the County Lighting Maintenance District 1616 and County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1, Palmdale Zone to the City of Palmdale upon final accounting and after all liabilities are satisfied within 60 days of July 1, 2014, the effective date of the transfer of jurisdiction.
2. Direct the Auditor-Controller to close the funds for County Lighting Maintenance District 1616 and County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1, Palmdale Zone, after all transfers have been completed.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this recommended action is to: (1) authorize the transfer of assets in the manner prescribed by the Department of Public Works and (2) direct the Auditor-Controller to close the funds for County Lighting Maintenance District 1616 and County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1, Palmdale Zone, after all transfers have been completed.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by increasing the effectiveness of the County to provide services for the existing lighting districts.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no impact to the County's General Fund.

On August 27, 2013, the Board adopted the Joint Resolution for the transfer of jurisdiction over County Lighting Maintenance District 1616 from the County to the City of Palmdale Streetlight District and detachment of the Palmdale Zone from County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1.

Currently, County Lighting Maintenance District 1616 (Fund F33) and County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1, Palmdale Zone (Fund EL5), have an estimated total fund balance of \$10,923,000. The fund balance is to be transferred to the City of Palmdale. The recommended actions will authorize the transfer of the fund balance from the County to the City of Palmdale, and direct the Auditor-Controller to close funds F33 and EL5.

Funding is available in County Lighting Maintenance District 1616 and County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1, Palmdale Zone, FY 2013-14 budgets for the transfers.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On July 24, 1979, pursuant to the Streets and Highways Code Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 (Division 15, Part 2 of the California Streets and Highways Code, sections 22500-22679), the Board formed the County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1, Palmdale Zone.

On November 13, 1990, pursuant to the California Streets and Highways Code Improvement Act of 1911 (Division 7 of the California Streets and Highways sections 5000-6794), the Board consolidated portions of three separate lighting districts within the County and formed County Lighting Maintenance District 1616 to serve the City.

On December 5, 2012, the City approved Resolution No. CC2012-120 requesting the transfer of jurisdiction over County Lighting Maintenance District 1616 and detachment of County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1, Palmdale Zone, from the existing County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1 territory.

The County Lighting Maintenance District 1616 and County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act 1, Palmdale Zone, is contained entirely within the boundaries of the City (Division 15, Part 2 of the California Streets and Highways Code, sections 22500-22679). Section 5851 provides that if the whole district is included within one city, upon receipt of a resolution from the city requesting transfer of jurisdiction over the district and the funds of the district, jurisdiction over the district shall be transferred by resolution of the Board to the city, and the funds of the district shall be paid to the treasurer of the city to be used by the city for the benefit of this district.

In addition, California Streets and Highways Code Section 22605 provides that the Board may order the detachment of territory from an existing assessment district formed under Part 2, Division 15, of the California Streets and Highways Code.

On August 27, 2013, the Board approved the transfer of jurisdiction over County Lighting Maintenance District 1616 from the County to the City and detachment of the Palmdale Zone from County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1 and approved the negotiated exchange of property tax revenue resulting from the transfer of jurisdiction.

The effective date of the transfer and detachment is July 1, 2014.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

In accordance with Section 15378(b)(4) and (5) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and Section 307.B.(3) of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by the Board, the recommended actions are fiscal or administrative activities of government that will not cause a physical change in the environment and therefore do not constitute a project and are not subject to the requirements of CEQA.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Preparing the Board letter is consistent with the current services conducted by Public Works. The transfer of all available funds from County Lighting Maintenance District 1616 and County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1, Palmdale Zone, from the County to the City will have no impact to other services or projects.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Traffic and Lighting Division and Budget/Fund Management Division. Also, please forward one adopted copy of the letter to the Auditor-Controller.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director of Public Works

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